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HELEN KELLER'S GENIUS. Blind and Deaf, Yet She Talks and Writes

to Perfection. There is now in Washington, the semporary guest of Prof. Alexander Graham Bell, a beautiful little girl who twas born blind, deaf and dumb. Her name is Helen Kelier, and, though handicapped by the loss of the two most important senses and as yet but thirteen years old, she already shows a brightness of intellect that promises to

make her famous as a writer. Prof. Bell, who told the thrilling and pathetic story of this second Laura Bridgeman at the recent annual meeting of the national neademy of sciences In Washington, considers the case of Helen Keller as incomparably more re-



markable than that of her sister unfortunate. He regards her as a wonder, both relatively and absolutely He declares that, handleapped as she is, she need not fear to be measured intellectually with other girls who have

had every advantage. Helen Keller has not only learned to read by the raised letters and to communicate swiftly by means of the touch, but has actually gained the power of oral speech and can understand what anyone says by merely placing her finger delicately on the lips and under the chin. Prof. Bell spoke of finding Helen one day in one of the institutions for the blind in Boston, sitting in the midst of a group of blind girls who could hear and reading aloud

Since she has learned to speak one of her delights is to tell stories to her little sister Mildred, and she fills these with the most quaint and beautiful fancies, weaving in all that she has learned in her lessons, or heard from inther people, or remembered from past reading, for she never forgets anything. Helen has already read more books, including the classics; than most grown men and women.

It is touching to see the eager groplags of this prisoned intellect after the knowledge that the best of us. with all our eyes, are often as far away from as she. During her early years, on account of some peculiar notions of her parents religious questions were not obtruded upon her. The child at the age of nine knew nothing of God or of Christian teaching. She had attributed everything in her fanciful way to mother nature. One day, however, some over-zealous woman told Helen a lot of things which she believed were necessary for the child's tal distress and wrote in her diary that who "runs over" every summer would night a thoroughly beneate view of name Baden-Baden. However that the untaught condition of her mind, of

guest for some time in Washington. He has known the little girl ever since she was six years old and loves her dearly. Helen is a fine French scholar and has recently received a large price for a magazine article.

A ROYAL OCULIST.

The Grand Work Done by Duke Carl Theeder of Bararia.

Duke Carl Theodor of Bavaria now Dias three hospitals in active service for persons suffering from discusses of the eyes. One is at Meran, another at Munich, and a third at Tegernsee. At this last he passes most of his time. Poor patients are treated without cost.



DUKE CARL PREODOS OF BAVARIA.

and all payments by those who can efford to make them are employed for the good of the poor of the district. The duke is a general in the Bavarian army, and is the brother of the empress of Austria. In 1874 he married as his second wife Princess Maria Dosepha of Braganza, who assists him In his charitable work. His eldest daughter by this second marriage is Princess Sophie, born in 1875. She has inherited her father's skill, and is his principal assistant in his work as an oculist. The duke always cuters he proposes to remain. his consulting room by seven o'clock married a commoner, has renounced his Dake of Eaden's bath Such is Baden-

SUMMER TIME ABROAD.

Famous Resorts Where Fashion's Devotees Gather.

Baden-Baden, Trouville, Dieppe, Aix-Co Bains and Others-Gambling, Hotel 1. and Club Life-American and European Resorts Contrasted.

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There are fashions in summer resorts, as in all other things. In Europe, the summer resort lines are even more closely drawn than in this country. To be sure, one finds much the same people at Newport each year, and at Saratoga, Cape May, Atlantic City and Asbury Park. So far as the summer resorts of the continent are concerned, however, any one who has made the grand rounds can predict with almost absolute certainty just who the principal visitors at each place will be ten years shead, always subject to the revision of that grim editor, Death. For instance, the Prince of Wales always shows his royalistic self at certain places; so does the German Kaiser, so does the Czar of all the Russias, so do hundreds of personages less notable, but distinctly personages none the less. These blue-blooded folks, for some reason or other, feel it imperative upon them to present themselves each year at the same places. And they relig lously do it. Why? I'm sure I don't know. But I do know that they do it How do the summer resorts of Eu rope's Four Hundred differ from those frequented by their American cousins, our own 400? Well, I don't know that they do differ essentially. There's more of the hotel and club-life and more gambling, perhaps, at the great conti-nental resorts. But after all, human nature is pretty much the same the world over. And the swells of Europe who trace their genealogies back half a dozen centuries or more are not so very different from the American swells who figure out their pedigrees six or seven generations back and then have The titled and otherwise aristocratic

ica's fashionables. They ride, they drive, they walk, they bathe, they dine, they entertain, they gossip, and they do all manner of things fashion-

being on much the same lines as Amer-

able. Possibly titles and rank count for more than their American counterpart, wealth, does here; possibly, not. It's hard to say Anyway, after making the tour of them all, European and American, I can't say that I see any very marked differences between the resorts of the two continents with the

reservation that Europe's re-

much older and more expensively ap-

Which of the European summer resorts is "the" resort? That's hard to August 15 to September 15 and the tell. One traveler will name one; anwell-being. The result was that Helen other, another. It's all a matter of was thrown into a state of great men- taste. Perhaps, the average American the subject of her origin, which indi- may be, let's have a glimpse of that recated reasoning powers, considering sort, one of the best known European resorts, as it undoubtedly is.

There's no doubt whatever about its Helen Keller is to be Prof. Bell's being an aristocratic resort. Auy place frequented by the host of princes and princesses of various nationalities who spend the summer at Baden-Baden is bound to be not only gilt-edged, but gilt-lined throughout. For one thing. it is the scene of the only international race in Germany: for another, it is delightfully situated close to Lake Constans, with charming waterscape and landscape attractions near at hand. Again, its Kursaal is magnificent and its International Club wonderfully well appointed; and last, but not least, it has the only tennis grounds on the continent regularly patronized in season by royalty. These are only a

few of its strong points.

As everybody who has crossed the Touville. Atlantic knows, it is located in the Grand Duchy of Baden, has its real, genuine, mineral water springs; and s a resort for everybody and his consins, French, Germans, Englishmen, Russians, Austrians, Americans and is one of the finest at any of the continental resorts. A great park surrounds the superb building in which are a ball room, concert hall, restaurant and what not Patti Nilsson and most of the other operatic favorites have sung there, and the most notable men of all countries have visited

the place at one time or other. Aside from its magnificent baths. drives, trout stream and distinguished patronage. Baden-Baden has an international attraction in the shape of the world famous International Club, at chat with Napoleon III, Emperor of which any male visitor from anywhere | France, in 1861. Both were there for can put himself up for temporary membership and be elected providing he water and both took long walks in the hasn't a bad record and it hasn't traveled ahead of him. The club is, perhaps, best known as a gambling insti- announced his desire to unify the club Its cuisine and wines are not to smoked his eigarette and fairly laughed be surpassed in all Europe, and almost anybody can secure full privileges by Belgium as a reward for his aid, say fire has thrown/his affairs into disor paying \$20 for the first week and a ing: "I can get that myself when I der. It would now seem as though his

much smaller sum thereafter, in case | want it, why should I help you? in the morning and the young prin- important in winter. The climate is leess takes her share in southing the raw in the cold season and hot in the sufferers and enters with enthusiasm into the charitable work. As an extangle of the duke's skill, it may be mer keeps the place alive. The villa-mer keeps the place alive. The villa-mer keeps the place alive. mentioned that he recently removed a gers themselves don't count at all. Alsplinter of iron from the eye of an iron most everybody lives at one or other of the big hotels. Most strangers drink differences. Not the least of its attractions is the palace of King Leopold. the skill of several other occlists. The the purely harmless mineral spring duke is the help presemptive to the water, and the great majority of visthrone of the palatinate of Bayaria, as his elder brother, Ludwir, who marble baths known as the Grand a seaport of consequence,

To my mind, a far more interesting place to the philosopher is Trouville. We have no counterpart of it in America. It might appropriately be entitled the summer city of the demi-monde. Located, as it is, on the English channel at about the same distance from Paris as Dieppe-namely, about six hours by rail-it is as distinct from Dieppe as black is from white. The one is a resort of the haut ton; the other, Trouville, of the demi-monde. The



A COUPLE AT TROUVILLE.

the other to the hall world. But, mind you, in both cases, the patrons are people with long purses. No grande dame would think of going to Trouville; few, if any, of the demi-mondaines would care to visit Dieppe,

There you have it in a sentence Trouville is the resort of the fast vomen of Paris, and the fast men of Paris and elsewhere almost exclusively It is said that 500,000 people visit Trou ville each summer, at least 50,000 of them are women whose lives are not exactly above reproach. The hotels Europeans who pass the summer at the atres and clubs are magnificent the popular watering places have their The cost of living is correspondingly high-perhaps higher than anywhere eise in Europe. Only those who have money, and plenty of it, can stand the

> The women who patronize the place are the elite of their class. Their turnouts are superb; their coachmer and footmen are exceptionally impos ing. Their teas and receptions are in strict accordance with the social code. The gilded unfortunates who support the place come thither for rest, not to ply their trade. Hence, whatever improprieties there may be are not offensively conspicuous. The casual, inexperienced visitor might readily mis-take the character of the place. Plenty of high gambling there of course is, as at most Continental resorts. Barring the shady character of its clientels, Trouville does not differ materially from other European resorts-certainly not, from other French resorts.

Dieppe is in strong contrast to Trou-The very best Parisian and English society may be found there in force each summer. In a word, it is the French Newport. It is opposite Newhaven, on the English side of the channel, has very fair bathing facilities and provides excellent hotels, clubs, opera, vaudeville and gambling by way of attractions. At Dieppe, that European institution, the bathing carriage, if I may so call it, is particularly in evidence. Fancy a tiny wooden house on wheels in which my lady can drive down to the beach and right into the water, don her bathing dress on the way and thence emerge into the water via portable steps and you can picture The this purely European vehicle. season at Dieppe runs only from charges are proportionately high.

Another one of the chain of summer



SUMMERING AT BADEN-BADEN. is Etretat, which is, as it were, a respectable annex to Trouville. It is frequented mostly by well-to-do bourgeois and is a pretty expensive place. Otherwise, it does not differ much from

channel, being the receiving port for the line of steamers sailing from Folkstone on the English side of the chan-nel. It is a very old town and some of its buildings are very antique, dating so on. Its Kursual - Casino shali I say, than French. With English one is sure to get along everywhere; with French,

perhaps.
Aix-le-Bains, located as it is almost in the center of France, away from the seaside and without particular attractions, can hardly be spoken of as a re-sort of fashionables. It has its springs and its baths but little "society."
Bierritz, all but on the French-Spanish frontier, is chiefly famous as the place where Bismarck, then German minister to Franca had his historical

their health, both tested the spring morning. Meeting one day and discussing various topics, Bismarck boldly when Bismarck offered to give him Flemy, that "that fellow Rismarck is a but on the memorable September 2, 1879, after the battle of Sedan Bismarck iconically reminded him that Germany had been unified and without the acquisition of Belgium by France. Ostende, in Belgium, is a sort of a

being the Belgium terminus of a line of London steamers. In one respect l

Ostende is like Long Branch, in that the sea is constantly approaching upon it and fretting away the coast line. In order to check, the destructiveness of the ocean, great marble docks or breakwaters have been erected along the front for the most part thirty feet high. Notwithstanding their height, the water occasionally dashes over them fee-always providing he is not a black

leg and is not known as one.

An American Mecca among the summer resorts of Europe is Wiesbaden which was, twenty years ago, one of the great gambling centers of Europe. but is now within German territory. At present, the place is essentially a resort of "has beens" and impecunious offspring? princes, dukes, and all that sort of hing, Barring the large American colony, it is a very haven of broken down aristocrats.

Hamburg, the famous, is a comatose village for about forty-six weeks in each year; for about six weeks of August and September, it is one of the haps, a curious chapter in the history swellest resorts in Europe. The pat- of hygiene and domestic economy. But ronage is not so very extensive but it where can one find the elements for more than makes up in quality what it such a history? Poetry and legend lacks in quantity. Half a dozen royal might be suggestive to a certain exfamilies are represented there each year. The Princess of Wales rarely fails to visit Homburg in the summer time and her admirable spouse. His Royal Highness, is almost as regular a visitor. Incidentally, though, they



don't come together, the Prince gener-ally appearing on the scene in company with two or three of his feminine admirers a few days after the Princess has gone away. A list of the names of the women with whom he has visited Homburg would make exceedingly interesting reading. I, myself, could mention four or five American ladies with whom I have seen him there, but Horbear. Like Wiesbaden, Homburg has an international clientele, all the nations of Europe being represented. Carlsbad is the smallest of the famous continental resorts and generally

has the biggest crowd. The crowd is an olla potrida including lots of Amer-Its springs are famous and thousands visit the place on their account. It is little else than a summer resort, and is as it were a town especially built for summer trade. Of the Condition of the It is provided with more cottages and flais and private houses than any other of the big resorts and in this way is ex-ceptional, life at the other resorts being mostly confined to hotels and

Ishchlis, I venture to say, practically unknown to Americans, but none the less it is the favorites resort of the Empress of Austria and the members of the Austrian court. All the Arch Bends and Stocks... 21,301.81 dukes and Archduchesses of the Austrian capital go there every year and so do the aristocracy of the Austrian Real Estate..... 65,000.00 so do the aristocracy of capital, each of the big guns having a capital, each of the big guns having a palace for himself or herself. place is a quiet, restful one and is rarevisited by Americans.

The resort of the Imperial family of

Russia in Libau, on the coast of the Raltic. The Czar and his family and court intimates go there every summer for rest. And they get it. Instead of living in splendidly appointed hotels or palaces they occupy cheap wooden cottages and live like peasants.

Peterhof is the Versailles of St. Petersburg, with which it is connected by a short line railroad. It is provided with

magnificent fountains, parks, hotels, ecttages, palaces and clubs, and is fully equipped with public gambling | Correct, houses. It is a great resort for the aristocracy of St. Petersburg on summer evenings, the twenty-five miles in tervening between it and St. Petersburg being quickly traveled. -DE GRIMM

An Unlucky King.

The king of the Belgians said to a friend of mine who asked him to stand godfather to an infant son. "I should feel delighted did I not feel in a vein of ill-luck, and unlucky people should be avoided." He said to another person The world has no idea what an evil influence tracks me." His sister Charlotte is a lunatic; he lost his son; he adopted his nephew, and he died also The Princess Clementine, his daughter, has never got over the horror of seeing her governess perish in the fire a Lacken palace, which destroyed the building and endless family relies, papers and treasures of all kinds. The tragedy of Meyerling was, perhaps, the greatest blow of all. One son-in-law perished in it, and the other came out of it a black sheep at the court of Austution, but it is also a bona-fide club, thirty-nine Prussian states and asked tria. The Congo state is not what the with all the allurements of a first-class | the Emperor's friendly aid Napoleon | king had hoped it was going to turn out, and has impoverished him. The burning of his papers in the Lucken der. It would now seem as though his crown were to go down in the hurlysubsequently told his aide-de-camp, burly of socialist revolution, and Belgium to be again the cock-pit of France and Germany .- London Truth.

Barning Diamonds. The diamond, in sufficient heat, will ANCIENT CRADLES.

Babes Were Rocked in All Ages Since the World Regan. Theocritus in one of his idyls describes how Alemena washed and suckled the infant Hercules and his brother Iphicles and put them to bed in a big bronze shield, "a beautiful piece and makes things unpleasant for the promenaders. The patronage of Ostende is thoroughly cosmopolitan and international. Both the fashionable she sang a lullaby: "Sleep, my babes, world and the half world are well represented and so is every nation of awakes; sleep my darlings, my bonny Europe, not to mention America. There | boys; happy be your rest, and happily is gambling, of course, principally in fare until to-morrow morning. Sleep the so-called clubs. At the leading my babes."

club any visitor may present his card and get himself elected to membership while he waits, without payment of lullables. From time immemorial the Ever since the world began mothers problems have existed: What can we do with this baby? Wherevcan we put it so that it will be safe? How can we manage to secure a few intervals of peace and tranquillity? How can we still its cries and whines? How can we teach It then belonged to the Duke of Nassau, it to walk? In a word, how can we emancipate ourselves from the absorbing tyranny of these sweet babes, our The solutions which have been in-

vented by the solicitude, the ingennity, and the instinct of mothers have taken the form of cradles, swaddles, leadingstrings and go-carts. The variety of these inventions is considerable, and a description of them would form, pertent. We may figure to ourselves the infant Moses exposed on the banks of the Nile, cradled in an osier basket. We may remember the poetical Greek name for a cradle, which is the same as the name of the winnowing fan or bas ket, the traditional cradle of the infant Bacchus. Referring to the monuments of the graphic arts we may find representations of basket cradles, and also of little beds on rockers; for the instinct of mothers, it would seem, has always prompted them to seek ready means of communicating an oscillating move-ment to the infant's bed. In manuscripts of the ninth and tenth centuries we find pictures of cradles formed of part of a tree trunk dug out, with holes bored through the sides for the passage of straps intended to tie the baby down in his bed. These dug-out cradles are still common in modern Greece. Finally, when we come to consult the manuscripts and bass-reliefs of the fifteenth century, we notice that the cradles are no longer mere baskets or beds on rockers, but little swinging beds suspended between two pillars, the prototype of the modern bercelonnette.-Harper's

He Dreamed in Punt He was dozing in the corner, In a big chair by the dre: He was nodding in a manner That in time was apt to tire. His good wife saw him todding

And she waked him in a trice "That's bad," she said. "Oh, no," he grouned:
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